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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: SHUTTING DOWN SATELLITE CITY HALL A SHAME

Councilmember Charles Djou, today, criticized Mayor Harris for closing the Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall. "This is a sad day for the residents of East Honolulu because the satellite was just opened, well used, and people were happy with the service they received," Djou said.

The Hawaii Kai Satellite, which cost the city about \$196,000 and was opened in January 2003, can provide a full range of services as compared to the Kailua Satellite. "My understanding is that it costs the city about \$1700 a month to run the Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall as compared to the Kailua Satellite which costs the city about \$3000. The city signed a lease for the Hawaii Kai location until October of 2006 and will have to pay about \$1400 a month until a new tenant can be found.

"This is another example of poor planning and wasteful spending by the Harris Administration," Djou commented. "The only people hurt by the closing are the residents of East Honolulu and the taxpayers," Djou said.

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